

Report for TRI Equestrian Interschools competition held in JAG Equestrian

The Newly refurbished JAG Equestrian Centre hosted a leg of the TRI Equestrian Interschools league on Sunday the 30th. The course build by JAG's Julieanne Gaffney proved very technical with only 3 teams making it to the jumpoff. Borris Vocational school with students, Catherine Kavanagh, Tadhgh Kearney, Tomas Kearney and James Kavanagh, took the win in a time of 70.48 sec over St Gerard's, Mily O'Loughlin, Jennifer Robinson, Harry Fitzpatrick and Ronan Byrne, in a time of 74.85 sec. St Mary's Naas, Sorcha Woods, Emer Kegarty, Marie Lee, and Amy Slattery took 3rd in a faster time of 70.48 however they had 8 faults.

The Open Individual proved very exciting with Newbridge College's Caragh Sweeney riding Kippure Steeplejack just beating her team mate Daniel Fitzgerald by .3 of a second in a very tense jumpoff and cheered on by all Newbridge College students. St Gerard's Ronan Byrne took 3rd.

JAG Equestrian also hosted one of the HSI 1.10mtr qualifiers. This class saw large entries and was again won by a member of the Borris Vocational team, Tadhgh Kearney on his pony Ballybarton Chippson clear in a time of 27.60 seconds, beating Emer Hegarty of St Mary's Naas by .45 seconds.

The Novice Team competition took place in the afternoon in the bright sunshine. The newly surfaced outdoor arena proving very popular as the warm up arena. Again three teams made it to the jump off, with the newly formed team from Piper's Hill College at their debut competition taking the winners title. Keeping all the poles up Ella Jones, Aine Byrne, Beth Maher and Amy Byrne proved unbeatable. St Mary's Naas took 2nd place with riders Ruth Sargent, Sinead Baker, Shauna Delamar and Meagan Fleming. Newbridge College took 3rd spot with Emma Brady, Lauren Doyle, Ivanna Dempsey and Kate Maloney

The Novice Individual which was the largest number of entries of the day was won by Bennekerry's Mathew Farrell riding his pony Bobby Blake in a time of 25.81 seconds.

There was also a Primary School Individual Competition held to encourage all the smaller riders in the family and this competition was won by Kate Egan on her pony Jack with Mai Monaghan riding Moelyparc Gold Drift taking 2nd.

The next leg of the TRI Equestrian Interschools league will take place on Sunday the 6th of November in the Wexford Equestrian Centre, where they will hold Primary, Novice and Open competitions.